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HOSPITALITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION BOARD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the proposal for the creation of a Hospitality Development and Promotion Board (HDPB) along with its proposed functions; and

(b) the time by which the said Board is likely to be operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) and (b): The 'Hospitality Development and Promotion Board' (HDPB) has been set up and is operational since January 2011 to facilitate the clearances required by hotel projects in a time bound manner and also provide policy advice for development of hospitality sector.

The main functions of the HDPB are:

(i) to fast track approval/clearances of hotel project proposals in a time bound manner;

(ii) to review the hotel projects policies and to coordinate with other concerned agencies such as the Administrative Ministries/Departments/Agencies for developing guidelines that are transparent and which encourage the growth of hotel/hospitality infrastructure in the country;

(iii) to interact with Government, non-Governmental and Industry bodies to increase the hotel/hospitality infrastructure in the country.

The States/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to set up similar Boards if the same does not exist in their respective States/Union Territories.